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News for the People in Montgomery County Government

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COUNTY EMPLOYEES DISPLAY GENEROUS SPIRIT—Employees in the Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications (DIST) held their seventh annual "charity auction" at their year-end business meeting held in January. The items auctioned included tickets to Orioles games and lunch with the DIST director. This year, the auction raised \$3,313, which was presented to Children's Hospital by Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Romer and DIST staff. Pictured above are (l to r): John Rafferty, (auctioneer); Dianne Lemanski; Janet Borchard; Bruce Romer; Jamie King of Children's Hospital; Eddie Oxford; and DIST Director Don Evans.

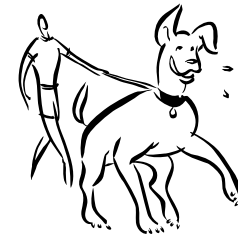
County Employees Win Seven Commuter Transportation Awards

Montgomery County won seven of the 17 awards presented recently at the 13th annual holiday luncheon of the Chesapeake Chapter Association for Commuter Transportation, which includes Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Members of the Association for Commuter Transportation are transportation professionals who develop partnerships between business and government to reduce road congestion, improve air quality, and make commuting easier.

The employees receiving awards were: Cecelia Hatton, Commuter Ser-

vices, the *Unsung Hero Award*; Robin Bard, North Bethesda Transportation Management District, *President's Award*; and Thomas Pogue, Commuter Services, and Peggy Schwartz, North Bethesda Transportation Management District, each received the *Lifetime Achievement Award*. Programs receiving recognition were: Smartmover, North Bethesda Transportation Management District, *Maryland Outstanding Marketing Campaign*; Bike on Bus, North Bethesda Transportation Management District, *Outstanding Bicycle Program*; and Commuter Express Store, Transit Services, *Outstanding New Initiatives*.

Paws in the Park



Join the Montgomery County Humane Society on April 30 for its second annual "Paws in the Park" 5K Dog Walk at Wheaton Regional Park. Participants can walk with, or without, a dog. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the Humane Society.

All participants pre-registering by April 14 are automatically entered into a lottery for an overnight getaway for two, plus a pair of tickets to the Humane Society's "Dances with Dogs" dinner dance. Based on the amount of pledges collected, participants will be eligible to receive an assortment of "walker friendly" items, including fanny packs, duffel bags, portable radio/cassette players and more. The grand prize—a gift certificate from Southwest Airlines for \$450—will be awarded to the person who collects the most pledges over \$500. Second and third prizes are bed and breakfast getaways for two.

In addition to the 5K walk, other activities include canine contests, scavenger hunts for the kids and visits with many breed rescue groups. Lunch will also be available.

The walk will be held rain or shine. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Participants who have pre-registered need to arrive no later than 11 a.m. Wheaton Regional Park is located at 2000 Shorefield Road in Wheaton. To pre-register, call Susan Share at 301-279-1969, or get a form on-line at: www.mchumane.org, and click on shelter events.

Spring Forward Sunday, April 2

Don't forget to move those clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time.

In Memoriam

Jo-Ann Molnar, Human Relations Commission, passed away on January 31 from complications with cancer.

During her years with Montgomery County, Molnar worked in the County Council Office, Libraries, Human Relations Commission, and was chair of the White Oak Library Advisory Committee.

Molnar is survived by her mother and two sisters.



Ed Fraley, Facilities & Services Maintenance Shop, passed away on March 1, after a six-month battle with cancer.

Fraley, 49, had worked for the County for 11 years as a locksmith in the carpentry shop.

He is survived by his wife Lynne and two sons.

Mark Your Calendar

Plan on attending some or all of the special events planned by the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park during April and May. All events will be held at the Farm Park, located at 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood.

Steam and Gas Show April 15 & 16

Arbor Day April 23

Maryland Draft Horse & Mule Association Field Day and

Plowing Competition May 6 (rain date is May 13)

Spring Festival May 20

For information, call 301-670-4661.

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Junior and Senior Golf Clinic



The County's Recreation Department and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are co-sponsoring the third annual Golf Clinic at White Oak Golf Course on Saturday, May 6 from 7 - 9 a.m.

The clinic is open to everyone, from age five through senior citizens.

The event consists of six stations of golf instruction by PGA professionals. The stations include: warm-up stretches;

putting and chipping; rules and etiquette; grip, stance and posture; sand play; and full swing. Children, ages 9-16, are eligible for a free round of golf after completing all stations.

Anyone wishing to volunteer, donate prizes, or recruit sponsors or participants should call 240-777-6880. For more information, call 240-777-6870.



Bring Your Daughters To Work

The County's Take Our Daughters to Work Day program - entitled "Freedom and Justice for All" - will be held on Thursday, April 27, from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Three sessions, presented by County employees will feature persons who make

our laws, enforce our laws and ensure justice for those who break the law.

The deadline for registration is April 24. For more information, call 301-279-8301; for registration information, call 240-777-2600.

Starting on April 1, consumers in Maryland will have an opportunity to choose their electricity supplier. However, before responding to advertisements or other offers, many of which have already been mailed, residents are encouraged to learn more about important options and considerations, from lower costs and group purchasing to "green power" sup-



pliers and environmental impacts.

DEP and DHCA are helping to provide residents and businesses with help, resources, and information through a new "Power Shopping" website, located as an Electric Utility Deregulation icon on the County Homepage.

Contact: Department of Environmental Protection, Ann Elsen, 240-777-7754

Overheard On the Elevator

Best wishes to **CINDIE RICKETTS** (formerly Slattery), Economic Development, who was married on New Year's Day to **MARK RICKETTS**, Public Works & Transportation.

Belated best wishes to **KAREN MORRIS**, Economic Development, and **STEVE MORRIS**, Housing and Community Affairs, who were married on October 16, 1999.

Kudos to **GAWIN FLYNN, M.D.**, Human Resources, who was recently awarded board certification as a disability analyst by the American Board of Disabilities

Analyst. Board certified disability analysts have demonstrated adherence to the highest ethical standards for professional practice in the health service and rehabilitation fields.

The Recreation Department is looking for Youth Baseball and Softball officials, aged 16 and up from April to June. Locations and hours are flexible and paid training is included. Call 240-777-6870.

Congratulations to **CECELIA HATTON**, Transit Services, on her recent promotion to program specialist in the Transit Services/Commuter Services Section.

Get Five A Day

Provided by Health Yourself, The Montgomery County Employee Wellness Program

Trying to balance your meals to include the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables? This can be challenging but remember five servings of fruits and vegetables in any combination, can help provide the fiber and nutrients needed to maintain good health and fight disease. The following are some ideas to help you "Take Five:"

- Bake an apple or pear for dessert
- Have a vegetable based soup for lunch
- Top cereal with sliced banana — add a glass of juice and it counts for two!
- Add tomato, mushrooms, peppers rings or carrots to your sandwich
- Drink juice instead of soda
- Sliced peaches or chunks of pineapple work well with yogurt
- Potatoes cook fast in a microwave
- Chew on raw carrots or celery as a snack
- Garnish meals with slices of orange, apple or kiwi
- Salad bars have lots of veggies
- Frozen vegetables and canned fruits can come in handy in a pinch.
- Blend blueberries or sliced apples into pancakes.



These are just a few ideas to help you get started. For more information, contact the American Dietetic Association Nutrition Hotline, 1-800-366-1655 or visit their website: www.eatright.org.

Recycling Made Easy

Many of us have noticed the new recycling boxes that have appeared at many county facilities marked "commingled" and "mixed paper." These new boxes make recycling easier and more convenient. With mixed paper recycling, it's no longer necessary to separate newspapers from white office paper, and it's now okay to throw in colored paper, phone books, magazines and cardboard. Commingled refers to bottles, cans and plastic containers. And, all those corrugated boxes that office supplies, computers and paper arrive in can also be recycled. Building service workers will pick up these boxes, flatten them and deposit them in the appropriate recycling bin.

In an effort to rejuvenate the County's recycling program and achieve the 50 percent recycling goal, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Romer requested that all department heads designate a recycling coordinator for their department.

"I ask that employees do their part and participate to the fullest extent in the recycling program, each and every day," said Romer. "This recycling initiative will ensure that we will not only meet the 50 percent recycling goal, but in fact, we will exceed it."

"Since the program's kick-off in January, results have been extremely encouraging," said Jeff Marks, Program Manager in the Division of Facilities and Services. "A waste audit in the Executive Office Building, comparing recycling amounts from November of last year to February 2000, showed a 40 percent increase in recycled materials. This number is higher than we expected, and we feel confident that it

will rise as more and more employees become educated on the benefits and relative ease of recycling in the office."

Any questions or comments regarding this recycling effort, can be directed to Jeff Marks at 240-777-6170.



OHR Notes

Office of Human Resources

Buying a New Home?

It's spring — the time when you may be thinking of buying a house for the first time or moving up to a bigger home. If you're in the market for a new house, remember that your bank or mortgage company will need verification of your employment. Please help OHR to serve you better by asking your mortgage lender to request the verification as early as possible in the lending process. Please allow *at least 5 working days* for us to complete the verification. Don't wait until the day before settlement! Questions? Call Records Management and Program Services at 240-777-5112.

Prudential Claims for 1999

If you have outstanding claims for dental and vision services received through Prudential during 1999, you must submit them to Prudential before June 30, 2000. Prudential must *receive* claims by June 30 or the claims will not be honored.

Earned Income Credit

Want your tax dollars back? Call 1-800-492-0618 to learn about the Earned Income Credit, a tax benefit for low and moderate-income workers.

Benefits Questions?

Please bear with us. The Benefits Team has been receiving a larger than usual number of requests for assistance on benefits matters from employees, retirees, and their family members. We're currently recruiting for additional staff, but in the meantime, we request your patience if we appear to be slow in responding to your requests for information or for retirement counseling. We do place priority on situations that have a severe impact on employees or retirees (deaths, disabilities, loss of health coverage, etc.), but we will respond to all requests for assistance as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Waste Reduction Tip

For window cleaner, try using one tablespoon of vinegar with one quart of water. Use a rag or newspaper to wipe dry. It costs less and reuses waste.

TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE – Germantown. Three finished levels, 3 bdr., 1.5 baths, fenced yard w/patio, laundry room. New carpet, paint, water heater. Quiet cul-de-sac, reserved parking, close to schools & parks. \$106,000/neg. Call 301-540-4571.

HOME FOR SALE – Annapolis. Custom home, unique design, in Severn riverfront community. See it on web page: www.geocities.com/allenhouse2000, or e-mail ballencci@erols.com for brochure. For sale by owner, \$375,000. Call 301-261-8917.

TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE – Takoma Park. Three-level, 2-bdr., 1.5 baths, newly remodeled kitchen w/new appliances. Good condition. Near Metro. Call Gina, 301-585-7233.

CONDO FOR SALE – ElkrIDGE. Two bdr., 2 baths, patio overlooks pool. All appliances convey. Easy access to I-95, Rte. 29. Seven years old. \$89,900. Call 301-352-8251.

TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT – Gaithersburg. Three bdrs., 1.5 baths, all gas, walk-out basement. One-year lease, \$845/month. Call 301-762-3544.

TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT – Burtonsville. Two bdrs., 1.5 baths. Available 5/1. Located on Briggs Chaney Rd. and Rte. 29. Good condition. \$760/month plus utilities. No smoking/pets. Call 301-946-6516 or 703-267-1856.

'97 HONDA CIVIC EX – 4-dr., power windows & locks, AM/FM, moonroof. 39k miles. Excellent condition. \$10,500. Call Dave, 703-560-3822.

'99 YUKON DENALI – burgundy, fully loaded, leather interior, 6 disc CD player, heated seats & mirrors, alarm. 21k miles. \$35,900/neg. Call 301-390-5980.

'93 JEEP CHEROKEE – Country 4x4, CD player, tan interior, blue exterior w/tan trim. New tires & battery. Excellent condition. 145k miles. \$6,300/best offer. Call Jay, 301-840-2347 or 301-540-0023.

'93 MERCURY TOPAZ – automatic, 4-dr., all std. equipment, auto doors/windows, new tires. 40k miles. \$4,000/best offer. Call Marc, 301-652-7721.

'90 VOLVO 240DL WAGON – silver with blue interior. Good condition, 87k miles, 5-spd., AC, radio, tape deck. Needs new tires and find/fix loose wire from radio to right speaker. \$6,000. Call Chuck at 240-777-7942.

Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is April 28.

BOAT – 26 ft. sailboat w/center cockpit, head, galley & diesel engine. For more info, visit website: www.wild-ox.com/parker4sail. \$6,500 w/tandem trailer. Call 301-279-1274

FOR SALE – full-size sofa & matching wing chair. Medium blue and beige plaid, country pattern. Both pieces, \$325/best offer. Will sell separately. Also, Wurlitzer small-style piano, older model, oak finish, \$325. Call Sharon, 301-972-7914 or 301-253-1325.

FURNITURE – solid dark cherry wood vanity w/bench, \$350. Upholstered living room chair, \$100. Both Queen Anne style. Call Mary, 240-777-1675 or 301-428-1934.

FURNITURE – excellent condition, surplus after merging two households. Pine DR set (This End Up), inc. table, 6 upholstered chairs, buffet & hutch, 3 yrs. old, \$650/best offer. Also, 2 twin beds w/mattresses and box springs, head/foot boards, large bookcase, lamps, framed pictures. Call Paula, 240-777-4154 or 301-816-0192, eves.

FURNITURE – This End Up bunk beds, \$300. Fruitwood curio cabinet, \$200. Tilt-top drawing table, \$50. Call Nancy, 301-977-4437.

FURNITURE – This End Up twin bed with removable side slats (perfect as first bed), \$125. Also, oak changing table/dresser, \$200. Both in great condition. Call Jennifer at 301-469-4803, eves.

FOR SALE – sleep sofa w/matching love seat, white with gray stripes, good condition, \$650. Also, treadmill, DP Concourse, 2HP, 10 MPH, electric incline to 12 percent, multiple readout display, good condition, \$700. Call Mike, 301-947-5721.

FOR SALE – Macintosh Performa 6400/180, perfect for word/data processing, free internet access, color printer, joy stick, great collection of home applications & games, \$795. Also, bunk beds, black metal frame, new mattresses, perfect condition, \$130. Also, selection of computer parts, inc. keyboards, mouse, games. Call Katie or Walter, 301-721-0210.

BEDROOM FURNITURE – newly-finished, inc. dbl. bedframe w/rock maple bureau and mirror, and cane-seated high-back chair. Excellent condition with outstanding features. \$300. Call 301-330-5467.

FOR SALE – sofa & loveseat, blue w/flowers, \$400/best offer. Entertainment center, black lacquer w/matching coffee table, side tables, sofa table w/dark glass tops, \$180. Child's carseat (up to 40 lbs.), \$30. Infant carseat/rocker, \$15.

Call Veronica, 240-777-3323 or 301-528-2853, eves.

FOR SALE – snowboard, 154 cm, K2 "HC," paid \$290, selling for \$120. Also, Shimano Enduro II boots, women's size 7 1/2, clicker step-ins, used twice, paid \$219, asking \$100. Call Jeri, 240-777-7227 or 301-977-8245, e-mail, Jeri.Cauthorn@co.mo.md.us.

FOR SALE – Tunturi home cycle, dual action exerciser, \$250. Also, four Goodyear Wrangler, PT/s, size P255/70R16, \$100. Call 301-253-5342.

FOR SALE – 19" color TV, Mitsubishi, remote, cable ready, excellent condition, \$75. Kenmore vacuum, all attachments, good condition, \$30. Call 301-540-1605.

BICYCLE – Bianchi Boardwalk women's hybrid, small frame, 18-spd., like new. Rated #1 by Consumer Reports. \$225. Call Dennis, 410-756-1724.

ELECTRIC SWEEPER – Universal, all metal sweeper/canister w/attachments. Easy replacement parts, perfect working order. Original cost, \$425, asking \$65. Call 301-330-5467.

AQUARIUM – w/cabinet. 55 gal. aquarium w/two-door walnut finish base & screen top. Aquarium is 13" w x 48" l x 21" h. \$125/best offer. Call Kelly, 301-972-1769.

FOR SALE – Kenko magnetic pillow, king-size. Cost \$120, will sell for \$90. Call Cay, 240-777-3285 or 301-926-2159.

WANTED – inexpensive student-model clarinet and flute. Also looking for low-end laptop computer for word processing. Call Adam, 301-798-0456.

WANTED – a county employee interested in a PACE assignment with the Police Department, Abandoned Vehicle Section. The position is for grades 12 to 14 and will last approximately 6 mos. to one year. Call Sgt. Bill Power or Tim Nicewarner at 301-840-2389 for more details.

VANPOOL – Anyone interested in participating in a vanpool, or carpool, from Mt. Airy? If so, call Debbie at 240-777-2532.